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Re: MUR 5748

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This is in reply to Bill Johnson's letter of May 27, 2006, which you forwarded to me on June 2 and which I received on June 9. Most of the issues raised in Mr. Johnson's May 27 letter were addressed in my letter to you dated June 7. There are, however, a few matters in Mr. Johnson's May 27 letter to which I would like to further respond.

Mr. Johnson comments that he finds it unbelievable a WEB Board member, such as Orland Geigle, would not know more about how much time Mr. Hohn was absent from his job when he ran for Congress in 2000. As a Board member, Mr. Geigle was not constantly on site supervising Mr. Hohn. His primary concern, as with the other members of the Board, was to make sure WEB continued to operate efficiently. During the time he was campaigning in 2000, Mr. Hohn was able to effectively continue his management of WEB and the Association did not suffer financially or otherwise as a result of Mr. Hohn's campaign.

Mr. Johnson states that the fact the WEB Board gave Mr. Hohn permission to continue operating as its general manager sounds like a campaign subsidy. Mr. Johnson does not explain this comment. If he really thought the WEB Board was subsidizing Mr. Hohn's campaign, why did he wait until now to raise this issue instead of doing so in 2000? A nonpartisan Board of 9 directors elected by WEB members determined Mr. Hohn did his job and met the responsibilities of his position. Under his employment contract, Mr. Hohn was required to get the job done, but was not required to work any particular time or any particular number of hours. He was able to successfully do his job in 2000. The WEB Board's decision to allow him to also campaign for Congress did not amount to any sort of subsidy.

Mr. Johnson's letter again makes note of the fact the WEB Board has refused his request and requests from other members of WEB to inspect Board meeting minutes. We are unaware of

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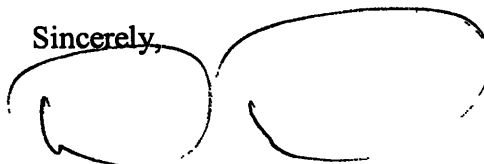
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any WEB members, other than Mr. Johnson, who have requested minutes concerning Mr. Hohn's campaign. The minutes of the meeting at which Mr. Johnson appeared to express his objection to Mr. Hohn's campaign have been provided to his counsel. Mr. Johnson's pending litigation in South Dakota goes far beyond a mere request for minutes. Mr. Johnson has insisted he should be allowed to come to the WEB office and review any and all records in WEB's possession. Such a situation is totally untenable and is the reason WEB has denied his request. Over the years, WEB has provided Mr. Johnson with substantial information. WEB has simply reached a point where it considers Mr. Johnson's requests unreasonable and improper.

Finally, Mr. Johnson makes reference to a newspaper article which talks about a letter from the Board of Directors supporting Mr. Hohn's campaign. I have not seen the newspaper article quoted in Mr. Johnson's letter. We are unaware of any letter written by the WEB Board of Directors which supported Mr. Hohn's campaign.

Please let me know if you need any further information from WEB or Mr. Hohn concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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